

USDA Policies – School Nutrition Programs

Fiscal Year 2014 (Oct. 2013 – Sept. 2014)*

Link to Policy List: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/school-meals/policy>

Policy #	Title	Issue Date	Summary & Notes
SP 10-2014, CACFP 05-2014, SFSP 10-2014 (No link yet)	Smoothies Offered in Child Nutrition Programs	11/14/2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Components that can credit for smoothies prepared in-house: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Milk (all meals – only for actual milk used; must be allowable milk) ○ Fruit juice (all meals; any kind of blended fruit counts as juice) ○ Yogurt as meat/meat alternate (breakfast only) • Commercially prepared smoothies may only credit toward the fruit component. • Any other components are allowed, but don't credit and are counted towards calorie and saturated fat (and later, sodium) weekly limits. • Supersedes SP 36-2012 (original memo allowed milk to credit; this adds information on crediting yogurt).
SFSP 09-2014 (No link yet)	Summer Food Service Q&A	11/12/2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated Q&A shows changes highlighted in yellow. Key changes include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Summer schools may participate in SFSP if they are open to all children in the attendance area of the site; a comparison chart has been developed. ○ Multiple sponsors can serve meals at the same site IF the total number and type of services don't exceed max allowed in regulations; two sponsors can't serve same meal. ○ States must require corrective action if reimbursements far exceed expenditures. ○ Breakfast OVS: Must offer 4 items, child must take 3 items. ○ Lunch and Supper OVS: Must offer 5 items (one serving M/MA, two different fruit/vegetable servings, one grain, one milk); child must take 3 items. • Supersedes SFSP 05-2013 Revised.
SP 09-2014 (No link yet)	Additional Administrative Reviews (AAR) and State Retention of Improperly-Paid Funds in SY 13-14	11/13/2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • States are required to conduct AARs in 2013-14SY for select SFAs with a high risk for administrative error. • States should use the same procedures as in past years to identify high risk SFAs. • See SP 18-2013 for guidance on the AAR requirement.
SP 08-2014, SFSP 08-2014 (No link yet)	Meal Service Requirements in the Summer Food Service Program	11/12/2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consolidates guidance on meal times, meal types, adult meals, OVS, leftovers, etc. Includes Q&A. • Now, all sponsors now have the option to allow children to take a single item from the fruit/vegetable or grain component offsite for later consumption (as long as in compliance with local and State health and

			safety codes).
SP 07-2014, SFSP 07-2014	Expanding Awareness and Access to the Summer Food Service Program	11/12/2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clarifies and provides general guidance on regulatory and policy requirements for SFSP related to expanding Program awareness. Highlights resources available to help with expansion efforts. Families can call the National Hunger Hotline (1-866-3-HUNGRY) to find summer meal sites. Supersedes SFSP 04-2011, SFSP Policy, <i>Outreach Strategies</i>, 2/2004.
SP 06-2014, SFSP 06-2014 (No link yet)	Transitioning from At Risk Afterschool to Summer Meals	11/12/2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides provisions available to streamline processes for organizations serving children during the school year that wish to continue meal service in the summer months. At-risk afterschool sites don't need to attend training before submitting an SFSP app or submit further proof of financial/administrative capability. However, they may be required to attend training before Program operations. Additional guidance provided (including: financial management). Refer to CACFP 03-2012 for simplified application procedures.
SP 05-2014, SFSP 05-2014 (No link yet)	Use of School and Census Data	11/12/2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consolidates guidance from several memos on availability of census and school data, data prioritization and duration of area eligibility. Either school or census data showing at least 50% free and reduced children in the area can be used to determine eligibility. Area eligibility determinations only need to be updated every 5 years. School data can be used for SFSP, excluding camps. State agency has discretion to establish area eligibility from data from a more recent month in the school year; in an otherwise ineligible location, school data from that month can be used to establish area eligibility. Amends previous policy to allow the use of either school or census data as the primary source of data for eligibility determinations in CACFP.
SP 04-2014, SFSP 04-2014 (No link yet)	Promoting Nutrition in Summer Meals	11/12/2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Highlights existing policies and procedures that can assist with serving more nutritious meals that appeal to children, including: procurement (specify minimum benchmarks), use of USDA foods, taking advantage of local foods, use of Team Nutrition resources, etc.
SP 03-2014, SFSP 03-2014 (No link yet)	Census Data Release: Fiscal Year 2014	11/08/2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In an effort to encourage early recruitment of SFSP sponsors, FNS will now release annual Census Bureau data in October instead of February. Data has been provided to Food Research and Action Council (FRAC) to include in their mapping websites (http://www.fairdata2000.com/SummerFood). This site can be used to determine area eligibility.
SP 02-2014, SFSP 02-2014 (No link yet)	Mobile Feeding Options in Summer Feeding Programs	11/08/2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offers guidance on the use of mobile feeding for NSLP and SFSP. Covers a range of topics sponsors should consider as well as non-FNS government funding options. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each stop must meet eligibility criteria and other SFSP

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ requirements. ○ Food safety needs to be monitored. ○ Mobile-related costs are allowable in most cases. ○ Contingency plans are needed for inclement weather. • Supersedes SFSP 17-1999.
SFSP 01-2014	Sponsors Operating in Multiple Sites: Revised		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For SFSP, sponsors may participate in any State, regardless of where sponsor is located. • State agency staff must not be required to travel out of State in order to monitor a sponsor not located within their State; sponsors located out of State must make requested materials available in the State where the sponsor's sites are located in order to assist with monitoring activities.
SP 01-2014 (No link yet)	Paid Lunch Equity: School Year 2014-2015 Calculations	11/06/2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SFAs need to annually review their paid lunch revenue to assure compliance with the paid lunch equity requirement. • For the 2014-2015 SY, SFAs which, on average, charged less than \$2.65 for paid lunches in 2013-14SY, are required to increase their average price or provide additional non-Federal funds to the non-profit foodservice account (the amount of increase is 4.27%). • An updated version of the PLE tool is expected soon. • Memo SP-39-2011 Revised offers more guidance for PLE calculations.

ABBREVIATION KEY:

- FNS = Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture
- FSMC = Food Service Management Company
- HACCP = Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points
- LEA = Local Education Agency
- MDE = Michigan Department of Education
- NSLP = National School Lunch Program
- SAE = State Administrative Expense
- SBP = School Breakfast Program
- SFA = School Food Authority
- SY = School Year
- USDA = U.S. Department of Agriculture